

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-425-WS - ORDER NO. 2011-867
DECEMBER 6, 2011

IN RE: Application of Palmetto State Utility)	ORDER GRANTING
Services, Incorporated for Authority to Issue)	ISSUANCE OF
and Sell Securities (Long-Term Debt or)	PROMISSORY NOTE
Equity))	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. ("PSUS" or the "Company") to issue additional promissory notes consistent with Order No. 2008-148 (March 5, 2008). In that Order, the Commission granted PSUS the authority to issue stock or borrowings from its parent company, American States Utility Services, Inc. ("ASUS"), in amounts up to eight million dollars. As a result, PSUS executed a promissory note in favor of ASUS in the amount of five million dollars. PSUS now proposes to pay this existing note through the issuance of a new promissory note in the amount of five million dollars. The Company states that it is simply renewing the note that was previously approved.

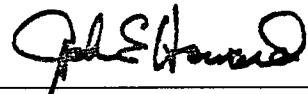
In addition, to avoid the need for approval by the Commission for each promissory note that might be issued in the future, PSUS requests that the Commission approve the issuance of the proposed five million dollar promissory note and the issuance of future promissory notes in substantially the same form so long as the cumulative

borrowings by PSUS from ASUS do not exceed the amounts approved in Order No. 2008-148. The Office of Regulatory Staff does not object.

We hold that the issuance of a promissory note by Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. of five million dollars in favor of its parent company, ASUS, is approved. We further hold that the issuance of future promissory notes to ASUS, not to exceed a cumulative borrowing amount of eight million dollars as specified by Order No. 2008-148 is also approved. Although ASUS will not need further Commission approval to issue promissory notes, it shall notify the Commission when it issues such promissory notes.

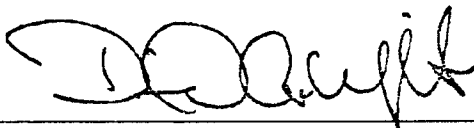
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)